"(f) Yes, as far as possible subject to the availability of vacancies.

"(g) The selection is ordinarily made by the Surgeon-General. This year the Surgeon-General appointed a committee to make the selection.

"(h) The answer is in the affirmative."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"As the Hon. the Minister has found out that sufficient number is not forthcoming, I would like to know whether she has enquired into the fact why a sufficient number of applications are not forthcoming with regard to the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital?"

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—"Applications for appointment of House Surgeons and House Physicians were received for the General Hospital but no applications were received for the Victoria Caste and Gosha Hospital."

Service conditions of House Surgeons and House Physicians.

* 62 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health and Medicine be pleased to state with reference to the answer to the question No. 2 answered on 31st July 1946 whether any steps are proposed to be taken for the improvement of the service conditions of House Surgeons and House Physicians, and if so, what they are?

THE HON. MRS. LAKSHMIPATHI :—"The matter is under consideration."

Fine imposed on Chingleput Wholesale Co-operative Stores.

* 63 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Collector of Chingleput district imposed a fine of Rs. 250 on the Chingleput Wholesale Co-operative Stores;

(b) whether it is a fact that on the remonstrance of the President of the Chingleput Wholesale Co-operative Stores, the Collector has cancelled the fines; and

(c) the reason for the imposition of the fine, and the grounds on which the fine was cancelled?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—"(a) The Collector of Chingleput ordered the forfeiture of the Wholesale Co-operative Stores' security deposit of Rs. 250.

"(b) & (c) The circumstances under which the Collector ordered the forfeiture of the deposit and subsequently cancelled his orders are as follows: The Taluk Supply Officer, Conjeeveram, inspected the sub-depot of the Chingleput Co-operative Wholesale Stores on 23rd April 1946 and reported certain irregularities in the accounts relating to paddy stocks maintained by the depot. The Collector ordered the forfeiture

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of the security deposit after obtaining the explanation of the Joint Secretary of the stores. Subsequently when the President of the stores explained the discrepancy and promised to examine the matter in detail and see that such complaints do not recur the Collector cancelled his previous orders.''

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it in the nature of a fine or in the nature of forfeiture? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" It is in the nature of a forfeiture, Sir."

Alleged petition against Sri Swetaranyam, Sub-Magistrate of Madurantakam.

* 64 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether Sri Swetaranyam was the Sub-Magistrate of Madurantakam till recently;

(b) whether petitions were received by the Collector of Chingleput district that he was corrupt and that he carried on his activities in the court premises which was also his residence;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Collector transferred him to Ponneri;

(d) whether the Government consider this transfer as sufficient action taken on the petitions received by the Collector; and

(e) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) Yes.

" (d) & (e) The matter is under consideration."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" Are the Government aware that similar complaints were received by the Government against the same person when he was working at Ponneri? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I am not aware of that, Sir, but on the matter on hand, action is being taken."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government have not received complaints against the same person when he was posted to Ponneri? "

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI :—" I have not got the information, but I shall look into it."

Settlement of ex-army men in Gudapakkam area.

* 65 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Prime Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have ordered the construction of twenty dwelling houses, two drinking water wells, and fifteen irrigation wells in the denuded areas of the forest in Gudapakkam;